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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

21 February 28, 2012

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO USE GRANT FUNDING IN THE PURCHASE OF THE
CONSOLE SWITCH INTERFACE AND REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO
AUTHORIZE THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE
ACQUISITION OF MATERIALS AND SERVICES
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The purpose of this document is to request the Board's approval to authorize the Internal Services Department (ISD) to proceed with the acquisition of material and services for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (Department) Console Switch Interface (CSI) project, and obtain Board approval to use Urban Areas Securities Initiative (UASI) funds to meet the \$3,675,271 funding shortfall.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize ISD, as the Los Angeles County (County) Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the acquisition of materials and services to upgrade and expand the Department's CSI.
2. Approve the use of funds acquired from the 2008 UASI Grant to meet the \$3,675,271 shortfall.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department, in a joint requisition with the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LAFD), has entered into contract negotiations with the Raytheon Company to purchase a new CSI. The Department's portion of the cost for this purchase is \$7,458,451.

On June 29, 2010, the Board approved \$4 million to the Department, from the Designation for Interoperability Countywide Communications Fund (DICCF), for the purchase of the CSI, leaving a shortfall of \$3,675,271. The Department intends to use funds from the 2008 UASI Grant to make up for this shortfall.

During negotiations with the Raytheon Company, it was determined that the acquisition of the equipment under this contract falls within the statutory authority of the County's Purchasing Agent for the acquisition of commodities. However, because of the specialized nature of the installation, the service component associated with the installation labor cost may exceed the authority of the Purchasing Agent for the acquisition of services.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of this action supports the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 5, Strategy 4, Communications Interoperability. Practices and policies will improve communications interoperability between public safety agencies and improve service delivery to the community through partnerships, legislative, and technological efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Four million dollars of the vendor proposed cost will be funded through the DICCF, previously approved by your Board. The remaining balance will be funded through the 2008 UASI Grant. There is no matching fund requirement or impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Department's existing CSI system was purchased in the mid-1980s. This system is a critical component of the Department's voice communications system, which connects the Department's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system with the voice radio system, including dispatchers in the Department's Communications Center. The existing CSI is based on proprietary technologies implemented by a vendor that is no longer in business. Programmers to support this system are no longer available. The new system, once implemented, will create redundancy by providing back-up dispatch capabilities between the Department and the LAFD.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The purchase will be requisitioned through the purchasing agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures, established by the County's ISD.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Migration to the new CSI will not interfere with current operations and will allow the Department to continue to provide voice and data communications to responding field operations units, with a greater degree of reliability and redundancy.

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CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return two individually certified copies of the adopted letter to the Department's Technical Services Division.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Leroy D. Baca". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Leroy" and last name "Baca" clearly distinguishable.

LEROY D. BACA

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